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GOV. TRINKLE SENDS US WORDS OF HOPE WANTS DEPOSITORS AND STOCK-HOLDERS LOOKED AFTER.

The Baptist Ministers Conference Pledges Active Support--Vote is Unanimous. Banker Lecky's Plan Approved.

Hon. C. R. Kelley, chairman of the Advisory Committee of white citizens, who are in charge of the movement to vacate the receivership at the Mechanics Savings Bank and to bring about the re-opening of the institution in order to aid the spirit of thrift among the colored people and to save to the thousands of depositors their savings deposited therein for old age and "the rainy day" has received a letter from Gov. E. Lee Trinkle under date of October 11, 1923 in which he says:

"I hope that some method will be worked out in order to accomplish the highest good for this institution and for its depositors and stockholders."

BANKER LECKY SPEAKS.

Hon. James D. Lecky of the subcommittee visited the Baptist Ministers Conference in session at the Ebenezer Baptist Church last Monday at 12:30 P. M. and was introduced to the conference. When routine business had been concluded President Evans Payne, after entertaining a motion to that effect invited him to address the conference. He explained in detail the plan for securing signatures and for vacating the receivership. He commented upon the heavy cost of all receiverships, no matter how badly handled and drew a vivid and forceful illustration of the case, when a certain well-known and prosperous individual was in dire straits and the wealthy Virginian assigned over his holdings to supply losses.

JUDGE MINOR'S ALLOWANCE.

An attorney took two hours to draw the papers and when the matter came up in Judge Minor's court, he ruled that in a matter involving several millions, the service should be paid for in accordance with the amount involved and he ordered that a fee of ten thousand dollars be paid to the attorney. He impressed upon the ministers, the need for prompt action and told several interesting anecdotes in connection therewith. Rev. G. E. Fountain moved that the conference take action. Rev. Dr. T. J. J. Mosby called attention to the fact that this motion was rather indefinite and action was needed now.

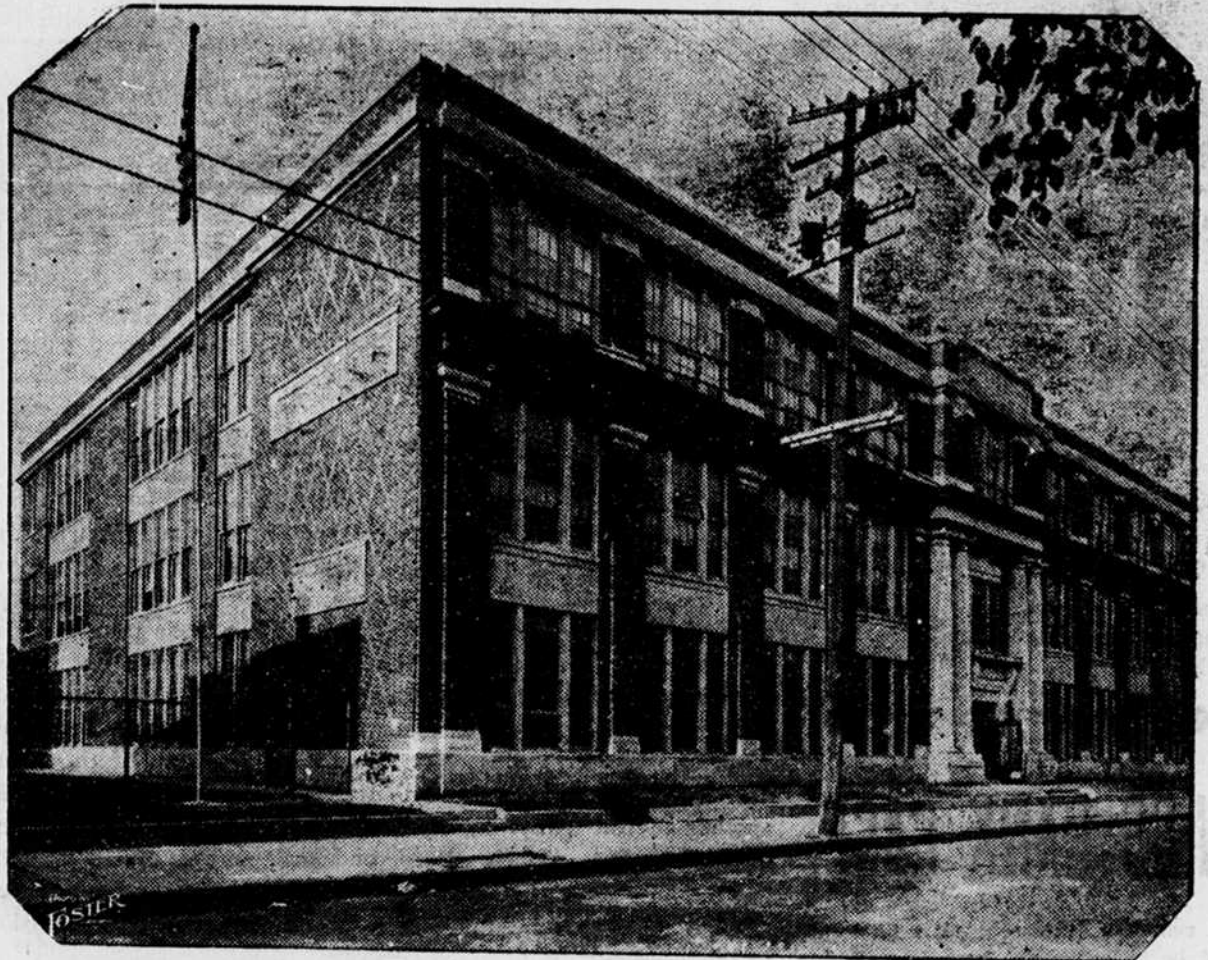
DR. RANSOM'S MOTION.

Rev. Dr. Ransom moved that the motion which had been unanimously passed, be supplemented by another that action be taken today. This carried unanimously and the plan submitted by Mr. Lecky was unanimously endorsed, each minister pledging himself to take personal action in arousing the depositors of the Mechanics Savings Bank to sign the waiver. Mr. Lecky dwelt upon the fact that all depositors would be sure of receiving fifty cents on the dollar, while a receiver had already stated that under a receivership, he did not believe it possible for the depositors to receive this amount.

BELIEVES BANK CAN PAY.

He was of the opinion that they would receive much more than fifty cents on the dollar and with proper management, it was possible that they would receive 100 cents on the dollar. Editor John Mitchell, Jr. said a few words of encouragement as Dr. Payne relinquished the chair, which was occupied by Rev. Fountain. Rev. Dr. W. H. Stokes, Rev. W. T. Johnson, and many other leading divines were present. When the visitors had retired the conference resumed its unfinished business.

THE NEW ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, WHICH COST APPROXIMATELY \$250,000.00.



—Courtesy News Leader.

ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IS DEDICATED HERE

The dedication exercises of the new Armstrong High School building took place in the school auditorium, on Friday evening, October 12, at 8:15 P. M. The exercises were under the auspices of the City-Wide School Improvement League, whose president, Dr. W. H. Stokes, presided with dignity, and carried out the complex program with despatch. About eleven hundred people were present to inspect the building and witness the dedication. The exercises took place in the beautiful and commodious school auditorium. It occupies the center of two floors of the spacious building, with a seating capacity of 1,000. The main floor and balcony are constructed at such an angle that an unobstructed view of the stage can be had from any seat in the building. The acoustics are perfect. Seated on the rostrum were members of the school board, Principal Adams, representatives of the various organizations and schools of the city and a composite choir, under direction of Mr. W. D. Jones.

The following program had been arranged for the occasion: "America" by the chorus and audience; invocation, Dr. J. L. Taylor, pastor St. Phillips P. E. Church; introductory address, Dr. W. H. Stokes; presentation of building, Hon. W. Floyd Thomas, Chairman Richmond City School Board; acceptance of building on behalf of school system, Hon. A. H. Hill, Superintendent Richmond Public Schools; acceptance on behalf of faculty and pupils of Armstrong High School, Prof. W. M. Adams, Principal.

Three minute commendatory greetings on behalf of: Virginia Union University, Dr. W. J. Clarke, President; Hartshorn Memorial College, Dr. G. W. R. Ransom, President; Van Dyke College, Rev. J. B. Glenn, President; Baptist Ministers' Conference, Dr. Evans Payne, President; Ministerial Alliance, Rev. M. F. Gregory, President; Y. W. C. A., Miss Laura McFall, Executive Secretary; Y. M. C. A., Rev. S. C. Burrell, General Secretary; professional interests, Dr. William H. Hughes, Medical Association, business interests, Mr. James T. Carter, President Southern Aid Society of Va., Inc.; fraternal organizations, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Grand Secretary of I. O. St. Luke, Mr. C. B. Gilpin, Grand Master of Masons; Armstrong Alumni Association, Mr. J. Henry Peters Jr.; Mothers' Clubs, Mrs. R. D. Bewser, President; Teachers' Association, Prof. B. F. Vaughan; benediction, Dr. W. L. Ransom, pastor First Baptist Church, South Richmond.

Musical numbers included a selection by the Sabbath Glee Club with Mme. Alverta V. Gilpin in the obbligato; solo, Mrs. Lena Carter and selections by the First Baptist and Ebenezer Baptist Chorus and the Armstrong Glee Club.

The school occupies a block, and is three stories in height. There are 24 class rooms, chemical and botanical laboratories equipped for scientific study, cafeteria and kitchen, executive offices and the very latest in sanitary equipment. The motion picture outfit for educational films has been installed and a radio outfit is contemplated by Principal Adams shortly. A heating and cooling plant with fan system is installed. All clocks and gongs are regulated by an electric master clock in the principal's office.

The dedication was arranged by a committee from the City-Wide School Improvement League headed by Mr. W. A. Jordan.

EASLEY—BROWN NUPTIALS.

A beautiful marriage was solemnized Wednesday morning, October 17 at 10 o'clock when Miss Arline Brown became the bride of Mr. William Easley, at the residence of the bride's parents, 17 E. Twentieth Street, South Richmond. Rev. W. L. Ransom officiated. The ceremony was beautiful and the groomsmen and young bridesmaids charming.

VIRGINIA DISGRACED BY A LYNCHING

King and Queen County Scene of Mob Violence

State Officials Active--Will Hunt Down the Guilty Parties.

JOE MORGAN IS DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

Joe Morgan, who resides at 220 W. Marshall street had just completed his duties at the lunch counter and was crossing the street at Second and Jackson streets, when a man in an automobile with his brother and his brother's wife leaned over from the front seat and fired at him, the bullet perforating the abdomen. He was removed to St. Phillips' Hospital, where he is resting comfortably at the present time. The man who did the shooting has not been arrested, making good his escape, but the others were held by the police.

The shooting occurred Wednesday morning at about 1 o'clock.

REV. ANSELL O. BELL PREACHES

Rev. A. O. Bell pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church at McKeesport, Pa., completed his revival service at the Fifth St. Baptist Church last Friday night, having given general satisfaction. He delivered a most impressive sermon last Sunday morning taking as his text, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

ROSS D. BROWN SPEAKS HERE

Mr. R. D. Brown of Indiana called to see us recently. He spoke Monday night at the Sharon Baptist Church in the interest of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He left the next morning for Norfolk, Va. He is one of the ablest orators now before the public.

Mr. Brown's subject was, "Forces Which Hold Us Back." His thought was well developed, his speech fluent and English perfect. He has a remarkable beauty of expression and uses phrases and words accurately.

DIED SUDDENLY.

A crowd assembled at Springfield Baptist Church, Sunday October 14, in Hanover county, which church is reached down the Creighton Road about nine miles from this city to listen to a powerful sermon on the ordination of deacons. It was delivered by Rev. W. H. Branch, pastor of First Union Baptist church in the Ellersboro District. It was in the afternoon and Deacon P. L. Dandrige prayed the ordination prayer with all the fervor of his soul. He sat down and his head fell back, his mouth opened and he was dead. Dr. William M. Thompson of this city was present and the lifeless form was carried out and laid on the grass.

His spirit had fled and his soul had gone to the God, who gave it. He was deacon of First Union Baptist Church and gloom was cast over the entire assemblage. The deceased was also District Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people from all parts of the county last Thursday at 1 P. M. and his family found a host of sympathizing people of both races to express sympathy.

MOVED HER OFFICES.

Dr. Bessie B. Tharps has opened her office at 60 Clay Street, in the beautiful home of the Council of Colored Women. At present her office is open to the public from 9 to 11 A. M., 2 to 4 and 6 to 8. Phone Madison 3267. Night calls R-6036. Sundays by appointment.

MR. BAKER PASSES AWAY.

The funeral of Deacon John Baker, a widely known citizen of South Richmond took place last Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist Church of which he had been a life-long member. Dr. W. L. Ransom, the pastor delivered the principal discourse and eulogistic remarks were made by several distinguished divines, who occupied seats upon the rostrum. Resolutions and papers were read from the Masons, Odd Fellows and many other organizations of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Baker's sons, Joseph and John Jr., of Philadelphia and Mr. Ernest Baker of New York were in attendance at the funeral. Undertaker C. S. Cunningham officiated.

WHITE—Died Wednesday, October 17, 1923, 4:30 P. M., at his residence, 1204 West Leigh Street, HORACE E. WHITE, for over thirty years a Brakesman on the R. F. and P. Railway. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Fitzgerald White, a daughter, Mrs. Eulalia White Ellis, and a son, Dr. George W. White.

GREAT DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG BAPTIST WORKERS.

The B. Y. P. U. Council of Richmond and the Richmond Baptist S. S. Union will hold a joint meeting at the Sharon Baptist Church Sunday night, at 8:30 o'clock. The work of the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. will be discussed by a staff of able speakers. The relative positions of these two great organizations will be outlined by experts on the question. A great program has been prepared.

The speakers will be, Dr. Joseph T. Watts, (white) State Secretary of the Baptist Sunday Schools of Virginia, on "Organization and Function of the Sunday School;" Roscoe C. Mitchell, on "Organization and Function of the B. Y. P. U.;" Prof. M. M. Fisher, on "Points of Contact Between the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U.;" and Dr. W. L. Ransom, on "Points of Difference Between the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U."

W. I. Hopkins, is president of the Council and R. P. Daniels, secretary. Mr. W. S. Morgan heads the Sunday School Union.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Mrs. Eliza Scott of 909 N. 5th St., who has been sick for five weeks, is now able to be out and is thanking her many friends for fruits and flowers.

—Mrs. Minnie J. Phillips, sister of the Rev. R. H. Johnson, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, left the city Tuesday morning for New York City, where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Frierson, before returning to her home in Detroit, Michigan.

—Mr. D. F. Walker who has been on a trip West paid his subscription, Judge Wm. H. Harrison, the noted orator passed through the city, coming here on the train with him.

—Mr. R. R. Beard is conducting a grocery business on the corner of First Avenue and Piney Road in Oak Park, a Richmond suburb and is making progress.

Investigation is being made by a coroner's jury into the killing of Horace Carter, a mulatto, about 40 years old who was seized and shot to death by a party of about ten persons last night at 7 o'clock a short distance from King and Queen Courthouse, while being taken to jail by two officers, following his arrest on a charge of attacking a white woman in the county.

The killing occurred at a distance of slightly over a half mile from King and Queen Courthouse, where the shots from the party were plainly heard.

Carter had been placed under arrest at 6 o'clock at West Point by Officers Richard Mann and Henry Jones, who left shortly afterwards in an automobile for the King and Queen jail, where he was to be taken to await trial. Just before they reached the courthouse they were stopped, according to reports given by Sheriff Allen, on a stretch of dark road, and their prisoner taken from them.

The shots which were heard at King and Queen Courthouse, numbering six or seven, according to the residents, then rang out and the citizens of the town aroused by the firing rushed to the scene, along with the sheriff and other officers.

STILL HANDCUFFED.

There they found Carter, already dead from his wounds, with the handcuffs still about his wrists, and with his legs tied.

The official report of the officers as to the details of the shooting and the seizing of their prisoner is being made at the coroner's inquest, which is being held at the courthouse.

No clue is reported by Sheriff Allen as to the identity of any of the parties in the slaying and it is said that their names probably never will be known. It is understood that the darkness of the spot and other difficulties prevented the constables from getting a good look at any of the party, which came upon them suddenly.

The lynching in King and Queen county is the first to take place in Virginia since Governor Trinkle became governor and is one of a very few over a long period of time. As compared with several other of the Southern states, the number of lynchings in Virginia have been considerably low.

LAST LYNCHING IN 1920.

The last lynching to take place in Virginia was in Wise county in 1920, when a Negro man was hung for an act taken upon a white woman. The Negro was taken from the officers of the law and hanged on a railroad bridge, during the attack upon the county jail, the sheriff of the county and his deputy killed one member of the mob and wounded another.

Following the Wise county affair, Governor Davis ordered a complete investigation of the lynching, which resulted in several arrests and one conviction. The man convicted was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary and the verdict was upheld by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Mr. Ernest Baker, formerly an old Manchesterian, but now of Jamaica, N. Y., arrived in this city Saturday and will spend ten days visiting his mother, sisters and other relatives.

Messrs. Joseph and John Baker, Jr. arrived in the city last Monday from Philadelphia to attend the funeral of their father.

—Read advertisement of WHITLOCK BRANCH P. LORILLARD CO., 23rd and Cary Streets—100 girls are wanted for day work. Good pay.